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SUBJECT: SOVIETS PLAY DOWN RE-ELECTION CHANCES OF PRESIDENT
KELDYSH OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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1. FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICER YE. D. LEBEDKINA OF AN
(ACADEMY OF SCIENCES USSR) TOLD ENBOFF APRIL 10 THAT ANATOLIY
ALEKSEYEVICH LOGUNOV HAD BEEN CO-OPTED TO FILL POST OF LATE
M.D. MILLIONSHCHIKOV AS FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF PRESIDIUM ON AN.

2. SCICONS WAS TOLD APRIL 9 BY V.D. BABAKAYEV OF FOREIGN
RELATIONS DEPARTMENT AN THAT IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT M.V.
KELDYSH WILL BE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT BECAUSE OF POOR HEALTH.

3. COMMENT: UPCOMING ELECTIONS ARE MUCH ON THE MINDS OF
LEADING AN PERSONNEL. SOVIETS ARE REPEATING GOSSIP THAT
KELDYSH IS BREZHNEV'S FAVORITE FOR PRESIDENCY. KELDYSH WAS
SEEN BY ENBOFF AT NATIONAL HOTEL RECEPTION FOR NASA DELEGATION;
HE WAS SLUGGISH AND DELIBERATE IN MOVEMENTS AND TOASTS BUT
WAS MENTALLY ALERT AND RESPONDED QUICKLY TO QUESTIONS AND
COMMENTS. ENBOFF SAW KELDYSH ON TV RECENTLY FOR NOMINATIONS
TO CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION; HE SOUNDED EXTREMELY WEAK
AND TIRED AND SPOKE SLOWLY.

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